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Burlington Twp. Man Sentenced to 9 Years In  
Prison for Supplying Heroin to Street Corner Dealers

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TRENTON – A Burlington Township man was sentenced to 108 months in federal prison today for distributing large amounts of heroin to street-level dealers throughout Trenton, U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie announced.

U.S. District Judge Mary L. Cooper also ordered Daniel L. Allen, a.k.a. “D-Boots,”<sup>26</sup> to pay \$1000 in fines and to serve three years of supervised release upon the completion of his prison sentence.

Allen pleaded guilty before Judge Cooper on Nov. 29, 2004, to Count One of a two-count Indictment charging him with possession with intent to distribute heroin.

At his plea hearing, Allen admitted that on Oct. 15, 2003, he possessed approximately 13 grams of heroin that was located in the center console of a red Toyota Camry, and that he intended to sell it to others. Allen also admitted that he possessed another 370 grams of heroin that was found by Trenton Police during the execution of a search warrant for two storage lockers located at Secured Self Storage in Hamilton.

According to the criminal Complaint, Trenton Police began an investigation into heroin and cocaine distribution in Trenton as a result of information provided by confidential sources. Police had developed information that an individual known as “D-Boots,” who drove a red Camry, was supplying street-corner drug sets with heroin and was stashing his drugs in a self storage facility located on Old Olden Avenue in Hamilton. Trenton Police began surveillance of the self-storage facility and observed an individual driving the suspect vehicle, subsequently identified as Allen, accessing two separate storage lockers on numerous occasions. Further investigation revealed that the vehicle was registered to a female who turned out to be Allen’s live-in girlfriend.

According to the Complaint, on Oct. 15, 2003, the Toyota was repossessed for non-compliance with lease terms. During a routine post-repossession inspection of the vehicle, a quantity of suspected illegal drugs were found in the center console and police were contacted. When police arrived at the car dealership, 320 bags of heroin marked “Jokers Wild” were turned over by dealership personnel to the officers, according to the Complaint. On Oct. 16, Allen and his girlfriend arrived at the dealership and attempted to gain possession of the vehicle. Police were notified and Allen was arrested, according to the Complaint

According to the Complaint, pursuant to the girlfriend’s written consent to search her residence, police seized approximately \$35,000 in cash from a dresser and safe in the residence.

In determining an actual sentence, Judge Cooper consulted the U.S. Sentencing

Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges that take into account the severity and characteristics of the offense, the defendant's criminal history, if any, and other factors. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

Parole has been abolished in the federal system. Defendants who are given custodial terms must serve nearly all that time

Christie credited Special Agents of the DEA Camden Resident Office, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Michael Pasterchick, and Police Officers with the Trenton Police Department, under the direction of Director Joseph Santiago, and the Burlington Township Police Department, under the direction of Director Lloyd Nippins, for investigation of the case.

The Government was represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Eric M. Schweiker of the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Trenton.

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